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TAGS: UNCTAD  
SUBJ: UNCTAD: ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

REF: A. GENEVA 377, B. GENEVA 398

1. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GROUP B WORKING GROUP ON THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MET AT US MISSION JAN 25 TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST MEETING OF COMMITTEE. WORKING GROUP HAD A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF GROUP B POSITION WHICH DID NOT TOUCH ON SUBSTANCE IN ANY DETAIL, BUT RATHER CONCENTRATED ON PROCEDURAL-FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

2. WORKING GROUP CONSENSUS WAS THAT GROUP B MUST MAINTAIN PARTICIPATORY ROLE IN ALL DECISION-MAKING ON ECDC, MUST ATTEMPT TO WORK UP PRIORITIES WITHIN AMBITIOUS UNCTAD  
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SECRETARIAT WORKING PROGRAM AND MUST ARRIVE AT COMMON DEFINITION OF "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE" IN VIEW OF SECRETARIAT VIEW EXPRESSED IN PARA 14 OF REFTEL (A).

3. WORKING GROUP DECIDED TO MAKE DIVISION OF LABOR IN PREPARATION FOR FIRST MEETING. THE UNITED STATES WAS GIVEN THE TASK OF GATHERING INFORMATION ON CURRENT AND

PAST ACTIVITIES IN ECDC FIELD FROM ECLA AND ECA,  
JAPAN FOR ESCAP, FRANCE FOR UNDP/TCDC, FRG FOR UNIDO,  
UK FOR GATT, AND NORWAY FOR ITC. BRIEF PRELIMINARY  
REPORTS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 1, WHEN NEXT  
MEETING OF WORKING GROUP SCHEDULED. IF GROUP B  
SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING OF  
COMMITTEE BEYOND FEBRUARY 7, MORE DETAILED INFOR-  
MATION WILL BE SOUGHT. SUBJECT MATTER TO BE COVERED  
TO FOLLOW OUTLINE WORK PROGRAM IN REFTEL (A) WITH THE  
ADDITION OF ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL  
WELCOME. WG MEMBERS TO GATHER INFORMATION ON BILATERAL  
PROGRAMS AS WELL.

4. CHAIRMAN WORKING GROUP WILL BE SEEKING INFORMATION  
FROM UNCTAD SECRETARIAT ON PRESENT MANNING OF SECRETARIAT  
DIVISIONS LIKELY TO BE ENGAGED IN WORK PROGRAM IN  
EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN "SLACK" IN USE OF PERSONNEL THAT  
COULD BE DIVERTED TO ECDC PROGRAM AND FOR SUBSEQUENT  
USE IN PROGRAM/BUDGET REVIEW.

5. WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF DEPT AND/OR MISSION TO  
ECLA AND ECA COULD UNDERTAKE COLLECTION OF  
INFORMATION REQUESTED. SINCE WG WILL HOLD FIRST DIS-  
CUSSION ON SUBSTANCE OF ECDC PROGRAM AT NEXT MEETING,  
WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE PRELIMINARY REACTIINS OF DEPART-  
MENT. MEANWHILE GROUP B COORDINATOR SEEKING POSTPONEMENT  
OF MEETING. REPORT TO FOLLOW. CATTO

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